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INVOLVEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to involve professional institutions in carrying out works under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): In accordance with Section 13 of the NREG Act, 2005,Panchayats at District, intermediate and village levels are the principal authorities for planning and implementation of the schemes made under the Act.Section 16 (5) of the Act further provides that Gram Panchayats are responsible for executing at least 50% of the works in terms of the cost of the projects.The other implementing agencies can be Intermediate and District Panchayats, line departments of the Government, Public Sector Undertakings of the Central and the State Governments, Cooperative Societies with a majority shareholding by the Central and State Governments and reputed NGOs having a proven track record of performance.Self Help Groups may also be considered as possible implementing agencies.

Professional institutions like Indian Institutes of Management,Indian Institutes of Technology, Agricultural Universities and other professional institutes have been involved for specific studies under NREGA. Proposals have been received and studies have been commissioned to 4 IIMs, 3 IITs, 4 Agricultural Universities and 3 other professional institutes.